in response to an enquiry undertaking to purchase a large quantity of these species at very good prices.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Has there been any demand previously for these Kalpine and Vellapine timber.

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* Only for small quantities ordinarily.

Mr. President : There is nothing very complicated about this affair. Government have sold 10,000 candies of a species of timber which, as the Conservator has pointed out, has ordinarily no market. He offered extraordinarily good price for it. That is all.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Unfortunately the note does not explain all these things. It is not our purpose to attack the *bonafides* of the Government at all.

Demands put and carried

18 to 20. Rs. 3,000 under "11—Forest and Tramway—2—Tramway—B. I. b. 4.", Rs. 2,625 under "11—Forests and Tramway—2—Tramway—B. 3. c." and Rs. 9,800 under "11—Forests and Tramway—2—Tramway—B. 3.b."

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* Sir, I may be permitted to move the next three items also together as they all relate to Tramway maintenance. Rs. 3,000 under "11—Forests and Tramway—2—Tramway B.I b. 4", Rs. 2,625 under "2. Tramway B. 3. c." and Rs. 9,800 under "2—Tramway, B. 3. b." The necessity for these grants have been fully set forth in the notes presented to the Standing Finance Committee. I request the House may be pleased to grant them.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Is there any necessity for spending these huge sums when there is the possibility of electrifying this tramway?

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* You cannot create a wire rope by electricity *(laughter)*.

Demands put and carried.

21. Rs. 2,300 under "7—Excise—Supplies and Services—Transport charges, etc., of opium and ganja"

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* Sir, I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 2,300 under "7—Excise—Supplies and Services—Transport Charges, etc., of Opium and Ganja". The necessity for the additional allotment has been explained in the note to the Standing Finance Committee. I request the House to grant the allotment.

Demand put and carried

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